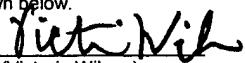
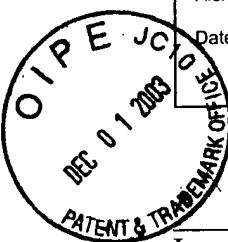


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003 (Paper No. 5). A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed to extend the deadline to respond to this Office Action until December 19, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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